

REMARKS

Claims 1, 16, and 23 have been amended. Claims 9, 19, and 23-37 have been cancelled. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-22 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

I. Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 9, 12, and 19.

II. Rejections Under 35.U.S.C. 102 (b)

Claims 1-7, 10-11, 13-15, and 29-35 are rejected under 35.U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,923,650).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 9, and is therefore submitted as being allowable. Claims 2-7 and 10-11 depend from claim 1, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 29-35 have been cancelled and the rejections with respect to those claims are now moot.

III. Rejections Under 35.U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 8, 14, 16-18, 20-28, and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over various combination of references.

Claims 8 and 14 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1.

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Claim 16 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 19, and is therefore submitted as being allowable. Claims 17-18 and 20-22 depend from claim 16, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 16.

Claims 23-28 and 36-37 have been cancelled and the rejections with respect to those claims are now moot.

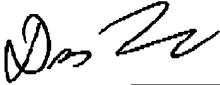
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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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